

CHARTERS ERECTED.
The following settlements are taken from
Messrs. STEPHEN & LAMER's Freight Circular—
American ship KUNIA, 1,174 tons, to New York
private terms.
German bark SYLIA, 933 tons, to Port Moresby
half price.
German bark HYDRA, 756 tons, one part Pacific
plus to Chile for orders, £2 12s. 6d. per
ton of 20 cwt.
German bark FREDERICK, 505 tons, Swatow to
New York, 22 12s. 6d. per ton of 20 cwt.
German bark JOHANN BEINART, 411 tons, Tai-
wan to New York, private terms.
British three-masted schooner GLOSTER, 283
tons, to China and back to New York, 23
cents per ton, 24 days.
Danish brig FANTO, 227 tons, to Newchwang and
back, 28 cents per ton, 25 days.
German bark ARIYA, 447 tons, to Newchwang
and back, 30 cents per ton, 32 days.
German three-masted schooner SAN FRANCISCO,
251 tons, Whampoa to Tientsin, £10 10s. 0d.
24 cents per ton, 32 days.
German bark MINERVA, 318 tons, Whampoa to
Tientsin, £1,600 in full, 23 days.
German three-masted schooner BENEDICTA, 247
tons, Taku to Yokohama, 27s cents per
ton, 18 days.
German brig ELSIE, 287 tons, Taku to Yokohama,
25 cents per ton, 30 days.
Swedish bark HEMMING, 238 tons, Taku to
Yokohama, 25 cents per ton, 30 days.
German bark HESSE, 444 tons, to Taku
and back, £5,000 in full, 25 days.
German bark FRANCIS & AMANDA, 367 tons,
to Kamput and back, £2,075 in full, 28 days.
Norwegian bark KVK, 420 tons, Yunglo to
Swatow, £2,600 in full, 35 days.
German three-masted schooner HIGGOT, 338 tons,
to Taku, 24 days.
British steamer ALATAMA, 632 tons, India to Asia,
three months, £4,250 per month.
British steamer MIRAMA, 830 tons, monthly
charter, six months, £5,500 per month.
German steamer ALATAMA, 737 tons, New-
chwang to Swatow, 27 cents per ton.
British steamer PENELOPE, 632 tons, Saigon to
Hongkong, 16s cents per ton.
British steamer ALATAMA, 1,219 tons, monthly
charter, three months, £4,000 per month.
Previous charter cancelled.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

FROM MESSRS. PALCOURT & CO'S KIOSQUE.
May 24th.

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EXTRACTS.

NO MORE.

In life, no more—the leaves fall fast.

And all the leaves was overcast;

We looked into each other's eyes—

We kissed one kiss between our sighs—

It was the first kiss and the last.

In vain we wait with aching hearts—

No more across the silent waste.

Come protests faint, come faint replies—

In life, no more!

No more in dullness or in lustre,

In April skies, & autumn blate;

We meet—and every heartache dies;

We kiss and all dividend dies;

No more—the moment came, and passed—

In life, no more!

INSURANCES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES on the sum of \$85,000, on first class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [13]

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

MARINE RISKS.

Polices granted at Current Rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and China.

A BROKAGE of THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRTY-THREE CENTS will be allowed on all LOCAL RISKS.

FIRE RISKS.

Polices granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of \$20,000 at Current Local Rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1874. [14]

TRANSACTIONS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [16]

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.

A.D. 1720.

A written upon Paris fashions announces that ladies "are returning to 'tournure,' which expression is understood to signify in plain terms that 'the bustle' is in vogue again; and indeed, it is apparent that beneath the skirts of the sex, at the back, there now waxes and "wagges" a mysterious something which renders sitting down difficult, and which can only be a segment of the old spinster circle. Of course protest will be of no avail; considerations of hygiene or aesthetic, of grace or of comfort must yield to the dictates of that mysterious and absolute power which presides over the feminine toilet. In one of his earliest sketches, Charles Dickens wrote of "a little coquette with a large bustle, who looked like a French lorgnon appealing to a gentleman in three whiskers." The bustle is the beginning of the hoop, the "jupon gonfle comme une volle de châloupe." The gamine of Gavarni's time long after her elegante, "Céleste" alone!" At a later period John Leech had to encircle the lower limbs of his ladies in winged hirdiges of prodigious diameter.

It is melancholy to think of the return of those mousticities—World.

A CAMBODIAN LEGEND.

THE GROTESQUE OF "PHNOM-PASSET."

During the reign of Phnoma-Cre (a name which resembles a starburst—suzee), a Prince named Khamer (which appellation in pronunciation seems to me something like a decidedly Welsh recovery from a violent international) died, leaving one of his wives in that condition aspired to by ladies who love their lords. Although this woman, after her husband's death, took all possible pains to conceal, not only her condition, but herself, the royal sorcerers discovered her retreat, and represented to the King the dangers which threatened him if he allowed the branch of a rival race to flourish and multiply.

The monarch was terrified by the sombre prognostications of his soothsayers, and he made up his mind to the assassination of his cousin. The wretched Princess was imprisoned in an immense plain. Her executioner cut her body into three portions, and went away satisfied with the perfection of their work; but they had hardly turned their backs before a child was born to the expiring victim, and was taken under the charge of a tutelary genius of the family, who, in the form of a bird, arrived very opportunely, and covered the new born with protecting wings.

We have the old story of romance, under a new veil. The bird relinquished its charge to the care of a shepherd, named Ta Cuh, who reared the infant. The good man was not slow to observe that the orphan was, like Buddha, marked on the palms of hands and feet with the sign which distinguishes those born to greatness. The volitions of the cuticle defined those circles or wheels which the Kmers call Chang Chac (equivalent to the Hindu Chakra). From his earliest years the child developed an extraordinary precocity, and soon became an object of veneration to the people of the neighbouring regions, who hurried to look upon the features, and listen to the wisdom, of the "protected of the bird."

Well, it was not until the boy had attained his seventh year that the King learned through his augurs that his young relative was in existence, in defiance of the orders His Majesty had given, and the precautions he had taken, to have his babe killed in its mother's womb. The fact that the young Prince born on his person the tokens of ability and power greatly added to the embarrassment of the sovereign, who finally decided on the usual oriental ultimate argument. The lad must be murdered at all hazards. The first act of the programme was to find him, and bring him—before his august relative. In order to make sure of the event, all male children below ten years of age were to be haled to the Palace; and there the Buddhist rings too surely established the identity of little Khamer. Yet the "protected of the bird" was still, apparently, under divine guardianship; for his old foster father, Ta Cuh, realizing the risks incurred by his handling, managed to convey him out of the Palace of Angor and into the recesses of the woods. The King's servants, sent in hot pursuit, were unable to overtake the fugitive, who took refuge in the province of Chung Pei.

Still the old shepherd did not feel that his pet was safe, and desired to take him to the other side of the Melkon. No boat was available, but he made a raft along the banks of the stream discovered two trees, which had obligingly fallen so as to make just such a bridge as was required; and the old peasant reached the opposite bank in safety with his precious charge. Arrived there, and out of danger he plucked the branch of one of the overhanging trees, and stuck it in the ground so as to make some shade for the infant. The boy instantly took root, grew visibly, and in a few hours was itself a stately and unbranched "shelter, beneath which the Prince and his protector found convenient if not absolute shelter.

We cannot follow the infant Cambodian Ulysses through all his wanderings and his escape. He did escape unscathed, grew up, and as a necessity of puberty fell madly in love, but with a village maiden, beautiful but of very humble birth.

His unnatural relative, the King, was again informed of the young man's existence, and whereabouts; and organized a new expedition of persecution and pursuit. Still attended by the faithful and affectionate Ta Cuh, who laid down his old life in his service, the Prince at last found refuge in the Grotto of Phnom-Basset, and there the tide of ill-fortune was checked and left off. His relative and foster father, Ta Cuh, after tempestuous and fell ill, died without offspring. And then in the proper and legitimate course of succession the King's son fell to the "protected of the bird." So the great mandarins, in solemn concilie assembled, decided, and they caused search to be made for the much persecuted heir, who, having no longer any occasion for concealment, presented himself to his people, who had evidently sympathized with his misfortunes, and greeted his return with acclamation. He was crowned under the highly euphoric and simple name of Soudach-Pra-Cau-Bacskay-Cham-Crang.

The first care of the new ruler was to restore the grots where he had terminated his life of adventure, and received the news of his accession to the throne. He also had engraved upon the stones of the cavern the legend which I have just related, and the rock still records.

As in his period of calamity, so in the elevated position to which he was raised, the young Prince did not forget the lonely peasant dammed whom he had first found drawing water at a country well. He married her; and she bore three handsome boys to her.

—A. H. C.

INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

AS REPORTED BY CHINESE ON THE 24TH MAY, 1882.

COTTON GOODS.

AMERICAN DULL, 15 lbs., per piece

Cotton Yarn, No. 16 to 20, per 400 lbs.

Cotton Yarn, No. 28 to 32, per 400 lbs.

Cotton Yarn, No. 35 to 40, per 400 lbs.

Cotton Yarn, Jumbo.

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, £18,000.

April, 1882.

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RESERVE FUND £25,000 Sterling.

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ESTABLISHED 1872.

CAPITAL £100,000.00 Sterling.

RESERVE FUND £70,000.00.

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LIFE DEPARTMENT.

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RESERVE FUND £20,000.

ANNUAL INCOME £1,000.

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